Strike in coal industry

744. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the joint trade union action committee in coal industry has decided for a six day strike in the coal industry from 15th March, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) At a Convention of certain non-INTUC Central Trade Unions (AITUC, CITU, BMS and HMS) held at Calcutta on 20th January, 1988, a decision has been taken to organise a strike of one week in the coal mines from March 15, 1988, over certain demands including implementation of non-implemented clauses of National Coal Wage Agreement-III, guaranteed jobs to dependants of retiring employees, abolition of contract system etc.

The Central Industrial Relation Machinery in all the concerned States has been alerted to intervene in the matter by starting concilliation proceedings immediately.

Instruction to Public Sector Enterprises regarding Calendars, Diaries, Greeting Cards, etc.

745. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had issued any instructions to various public sector enterprises to save the usual expenditure incurred on diaries, calendars, greeting cards etc. on the eve of the New Year; if so, the total amount of money so saved;

(b) what was the expenditure incurred by the Public Sector Enterprises during each of the previous three years; and

(c) the oveall total expenditure incurren on these items by various enterprises in spite of such instructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Ministry of *Finance, Department of Expenditure has* issued instructions to all the administrative Ministries/Departments during November, 1987 in view of the drought situation, asking the Ministries/Departments to *inter-alia* advise the public sector enterprises under their administrative control, not to incur any expenditure on diaries greeting cards, personal letter heads and other expensive items in connection with the New Year and other festivals. As the information regarding expenditure incurred by public sector enterprises during each of the previous three years and total expenditure incurred on these items by various enterprises inspite of such instructions, is not readily available with this Ministry. It will be collected from various Ministries/Departments and laid on the table of the House.

Production of drugs

746. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stipulated that production of drugs will be done only under registered certificates; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir, it is permitted under industrial licence, DGTD registration, SIA registration and small scale registration. For manufacture of drugs, a drug licence has also to be obtained from the Drug Controller.

Load Shedding in Delhi

747. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Ministry of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Territory of Delhi has been experiencing sever power shorting in recent weeks and heavy load shedding has been resorted to in different areas daily as a result thereof;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such shortage and what steps are being taken to improve the situation;

(c) whether any long term plans have been drawn up to solve the power problems of Delhi; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) A shortage of power has been experienced in Delhi during the last few months mainly due to increase in agricultural demand in the Northern Region. In order to meet the demand of agricultural sector on priority and to maintain system parameters, load shedding for 1-2 hrs. had to be resorted to in Delhi during December '87, January '88 and the first week of February '88. Measures have been taken to implement a load management plan by the constituent states of Northern Grid and to expedite installation of shunt capacitors, to improve the voltage profile.

The power supply position in Delhi at present is sausfactory.

(c) and (d) According to the Twelfth Power Survey Report, which covers a period of forecast upto the year 1999-2000, the overall energy requirement at power station bus bar for Delhi is estimated to grow at a rate of 9.3 per cent (per annum compounded) till 1999-2000.

The measures being taken to meet the growing demand for power in Delhi include setting up of 840 MW capacity at the National Capital Power Project at Dadri and 135 KW capacity at the Rajghat Power Station, improving the performance of the Indraprastha and Badarpur Stations, and strengthening the transmission and distribution system. In addition, Delhi will receive its share of power from the Central Power Stations under implementation in the Northern Region.

12.00 NOON

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of Hindustan Photo Films manufacturing Company Limited, Indunagar, Ootacamund and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the National Instruments Limited, Calcutta and related Papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Process and Product Development Centre Agra and related Papers.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table—

(I) (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under